Abstract of the Disclosure

A maximum pacing rate limiter for use in adaptive rate pacing in conjunction with a cardiac rhythm management system for a heart. The maximum pacing rate limiter may function to measure an interval, termed the ERT interval, between a paced ventricular evoked response and a T-wave. The maximum pacing rate limiter may further function to maintain the ERT interval at less than a certain percentage of the total cardiac cycle. In one disclosed embodiment, a maximum pacing rate limiter calculates an ERT rate based on the detected paced ventricular evoked response and the T-wave, and the pacing rate limiter module further communicates the minimum of the ERT rate and an adaptive-rate sensor indicated rate to a pacemaker.

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